

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

This month our special thanks go to Terrence Cole for allowing us to reprint his article on Bill McPhee, one of the north's early colorful characters.

Dave Phillips provides another installment in his "**Money to Burn**" column, this time looking at a Dairy Queen in Kotzebue.

Prices realized on eBay continue to be mixed. The good material continues to bring better than expected prices, while the more common tokens sell for opening bid or not at all.

There is a nice selection of items in "For the Record", as well as military challenge coins. We also present a few older tokens that we believe have not previously been illustrated.

The Midnight Sun Baseball game was a classic, and we were pleased to have a part in providing such a great souvenir. We, and the Goldpanners organization completely underestimated the demand.

Finally, if all goes well, there will be something interesting and fun on the front page of the next issue. And as usual, I will expect our subscribers and token collectors to help pay for my amusement. A long-time project is finally reaching completion. I had hoped to have it for this issue. I am showing remarkable patience, not pestering the people helping me too much. But if it is not done by next week, I will be a basket case.

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THIS MONTH'S OFFERINGS



CHATANIKA: Good for one drink. Gold on light blue plastic. Only one in stock \$5.50.

(FAIRBANKS): Doyon Limited Daagá Fund, Tanana Chiefs Conference, Clean and Sober Lifestyle. See **FOR THE RECORD** on page 49. Only one in stock. \$8.00.

FAIRBANKS: Show Boat Show Club, Complimentary Free Admission card. See bottom of next page. \$3.00

FAIRBANKS: Tanana Lodge No. 3, Farthest North Masonic Lodge. See **FOR THE RECORD** on page 49. \$8.00

FOX: Howling Dog Saloon, good for one drink. Black on wood and red on wood. See **FOR THE RECORD** on page 50. \$7 each or \$12 for the pair.



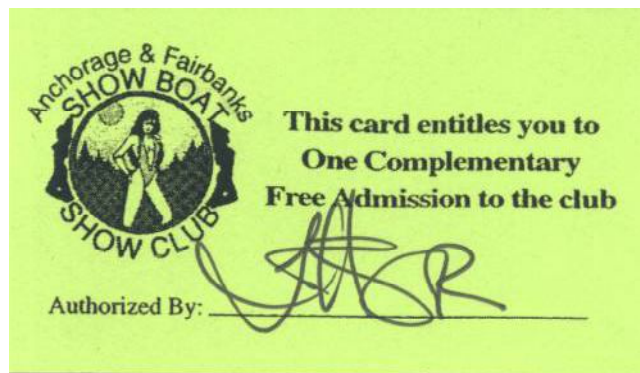
VALDEZ: Pipeline Club, good for 1 call drink. Black on yellow, 60mm. \$7.00.

PRICES REALIZED

Selected prices realized from eBay:

Anchorage , Canteen Bar, 12½¢, B-10a	OB45.00NB	Nenana , Terminal Cigar Store, 25¢, B-8a	570.00
Anchorage , Native Virgin Gold, B-30a with loop	738.00	Nome , Belmont, B-7a	OB150.00NB
Anchorage , Tradewinds, 1 Drink, B-36a	150.00OB	Nome , NP Bakery, 5¢, B-39a	OB99.00NB
Atka , Sergius Golley, 50¢, B-1d	867.12	Palmer , ARRC, 5¢, B-1b	OB.98
Bayview , Dalton, 25¢, B-1a	777.12	Palmer , ARRC, 10¢, B-1c	26.25
Bering River , Hoonah Pkg., \$5, B-1f	OB195.00OB	Platinum , Alaska Traders, 50¢, B-1b, holed	610.00
Bethel , NC Co., \$1, B-2c	OB150.00NB	Quinhagak , Jean, \$1, B-1c	OB35.00NB
Chatanika , Bingle Fritz, 25¢, B-1a	OB95.00NB	Quinhagak , Jean, \$5, B-1d	OB45.00NB
Chatanika , Bingle Fritz, \$1, B-1c	OB95.00NB	Ruby , Pavillion, 12½¢, B-4b (holed)	420.00
Circle , Eagle Saloon, 1 Drink, B-3a	605.00	Seward , Northern, 12½¢, B-8a	150.00OB
Cordova , Horseshoe, 6¼¢, B-19a	49.00OB	Seward , Northern, 12½¢, B-8c	OB30.00NB
Cordova , JW Little, 12½¢, B-22a	180.00OB	Seward , Seward Bar, 12½¢, B-14a	29.95OB
Cordova , The Mint, 6¼¢, B-25a	150.00OB	Seward , Up & Up, 12½¢, B-18a	OB95.00NB
Cordova , Windsor Hotel, 6¼¢, B-41a	95.00OB	Shakan , AK Fish & Lbr., \$1, B-1a	625.12
(Douglas) , Island Bar, 5¢, unlisted	716.12	Sitka , Anderson, 5¢, B-3b	125.00OB
(Douglas) , Salt Lake Bar, 6¼¢, B-37a	1156.03	Sitka , Witz, 5¢, B-17a	40.00OB
Eek , McIntyre, 25¢, B-1a	45.00OB	Skagway , BoT Billiard, 12½¢, B-4e	95.00OB
Egegik , Nakat Pkg, \$5, B-1f	157.50	Skagway , Horseshoe, 6¼¢, B-13a	OB75.00NB
Fairbanks , Chisolm & Hall, 12½¢, B-12a	150.00OB	Skagway , M&E, set of 7 B-16	OB140.00NB
Fairbanks , Eagle, J&B, 12½¢, B-14b	260.00	Skagway , Seattle Saloon/Grimm, 12½¢, B-23aii	300.00
Fairbanks , Nevada Bar, \$1, B-37c	204.07	Snug Harbor , Pioneer Canneries, \$1.25, B-2a	OB40.00NB
Goodnews Bay , Jean, 25¢, B-1a	30.00OB	Tonsina , Nafsted, 12½¢, B-1a	OB40.00NB
Goodnews Bay , Jean, \$5, B-1d	30.00OB	Valdez , Blackwell/Rowdy, B-2a	OB250.00NB
(Goodnews Bay) , Rutlader, B-1c	OB75.00NB	Valdez , CB Buffet, 12½¢, B-4a	22.50
Haines , Heller & Co., 12½¢, B-7a	332.89	Valdez , CB Buffet, 12½¢, B-4a	OB141.00
Haines , Lindsay Hotel, 12½¢, B-10a	350.12	Valdez , CB Buffet, 12½¢, B-4b	31.10
Hidden Inlet , Nakat Pkg. scrip booklet, B-1c	180.62	Valdez , I&B, no denomination, B-9b	OB90.00NB
(Hot Springs) , Morrison, 5¢, B-1a	157.00	Wrangell , Wrangell Hotel, 5¢, B-11a	60.00OB
Hyder , Bungalow, \$1, B-2c	95.00OB	Yakutat , St. Elias Pkg., \$1, B-2c	139.10
Hyder , Northern, 25¢, B-4a	60.00OB	Lansing Creek, YT , Mervyn, 50¢	490.00
Juneau , Burford's, \$1, B-12d	OB150.00NB	AYPE , encased cent, round	55.00
Juneau , Giovanetti, 1 loaf, B-25a	705.00	AYPE , ¼ DWT, 1909	112.50
Juneau , AH King, 5¢, B-42a	60.00OB	AYPE , 1 DWT	151.54
Juneau , Juneau Drug, 5¢, B-35a	275.00OB	AYPE , 1 DWT	OB171.00NB
Juneau , Louvre, 5¢, B-43b	67.66	AYPE , Alaska Gold 3 pc. set	OB599.00NB
Juneau , M&J, 6¼¢, B-44a	OB275.00NB	AK Gold , 2 Toowah (possibly brass)	392.00
Juneau , Occidental Bar, 12½¢, B-55a	OB40.00OB	AK Gold , ½ (Pinch), brass reproduction	100.00OB
Juneau , Snake Pit Downs, 25¢, B-66a	OB195.00NB		
Juneau , Tony's Comet, 12½¢, B-69a	OB60.00NB		
Juneau , Tony's Place, 12½¢, B-70a	OB95.00NB		
Katalla , Johnston & Jensen, 6¼¢, B-3b	400.03		
Ketchikan , BPOE, 12½¢, B-5a	OB60.00NB		
Ketchikan , Finzels, 5¢, B-15aii	74.39		
Ketchikan , Hop Wo, \$1, B-17c	195.00OB		
Ketchikan , Katchikan Pharm., 5¢, B-22a	86.00		
Ketchikan , Lucky Spot, 25¢, B-32c	58.88		
Ketchikan , The Mint, 12½¢, B-33a	OB25.00NB		
Ketchikan , Northern Hotel, 6¼¢, B-38b	OB195.00NB		
Ketchikan , Quality Bakery, 1 sm. Loaf, B-48a	OB25.00NB		
Ketchikan , Scandia, 5¢, B-55a	OB40.00NB		
Ketchikan , Scoug's, \$1, B-56d	OB40.00NB		
Kodiak , Nelson & Kroth, 12½¢, B-11a	213.50		
Latouche , Little, 12½¢, B-2a	125.00OB		
Marshall , Betsch, 25¢, B-1a	908.12		
McCarthy , Priesner, 25¢, B-5c	340.00		

OB = Opening Bid NB = No Bid RL = relist
RNM = Reserve Not Met R = Reserve
BIN = Buy it now



We show this as this "club" is the successor to the Loney Lady (see June 1986, page 27), and because it is such a pretty lime green (black printing).

100th MIDNIGHT SUN BASEBALL GAME

It was standing room only, with fans standing in a roped off portion of the deepest part of the outfield. Hall of Famer Bobby Doerr of the Boston Red Sox threw out the first pitch. Sean Timmons of Fairbanks was the starting (and winning) pitcher. His game jersey was sent to the Baseball Hall of Fame shortly after the game. It just does get any better than this, and I missed it - I had to work!

The first game played at midnight on June 21 was held in 1906. The 2005 game marked the 100th contest.

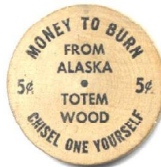
The Alaska Goldpanners of Fairbanks celebrated the 100th playing of the Midnight Sun Baseball Game by beating the Omaha, Nebraska Strike Zone 3-1, and issuing a commemorative 1 oz. silver medal. With only 150 struck, they were a complete sell-out at the game.



Issue price was \$35, and frankly, I don't know where you might find one (sorry Kurtis)!

Don Dennis, general manager of the Goldpanners was so happy with the sales, he is thinking of doing a gold medal next year (that's a little over-kill and we will try to talk him out of it and into doing another silver).

MONEY TO BURN



The Farthest North

KOTZEBUE: This town of 3,074 people lies on a sandspit at the end of the Baldwin Peninsula in Kotzebue Sound on the north west coast of Alaska and is 33 miles above the Arctic Circle. Kotzebue Sound was named after Otto von Kotzebue, a German mariner who was exploring for Russia, and "discovered" the Sound in 1818.

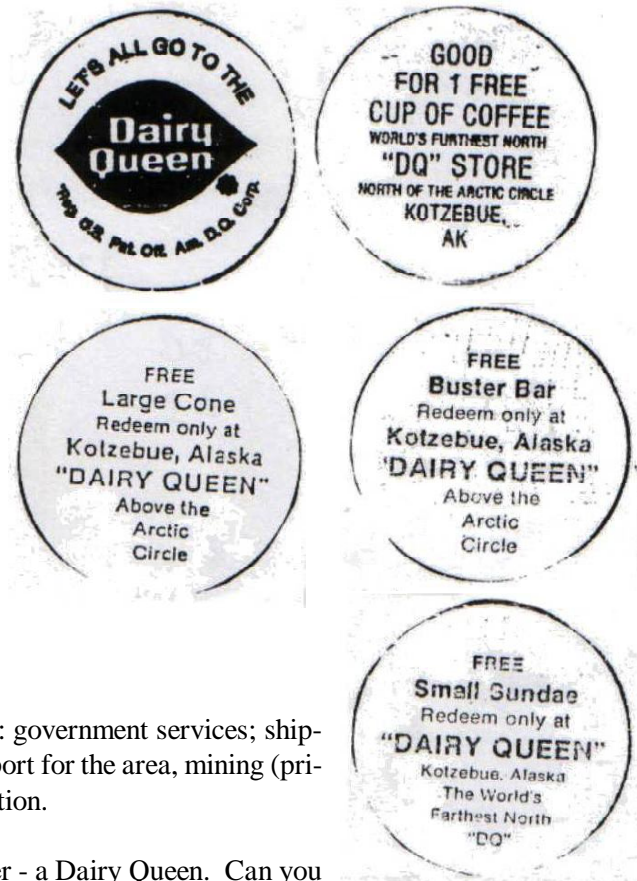
The site has been occupied by Inupiat Eskimos for hundreds of years. Today, the population is still 76% Inupiat.

Kotzebue developed into a supply center for the villages in northwestern Alaska. It was incorporated as a city in 1958.

The primary "industries" which provide employment are: government services; shipping, warehousing and transferring of goods; fishing; airport for the area, mining (primarily the Red Dog Mine) and some oil and gas exploration.

The four woods I am showing are all from the same issuer - a Dairy Queen. Can you imagine a Dairy Queen 33 miles above the Arctic Circle? It was in operation for a relatively short while (I am working on finding out precisely when this DQ was in operation). The building has the distinctive Dairy Queen roof line, but is now being used by the National Park Service.

All four woods have red ink on both sides.



MILITARY CHALLENGE COINS



(ALASKA): US Army Warrant Officer, Top of the World Chapter. Black and white enamel on bronze, 1.8 inches.



FORT RICHARDSON: Home of America's Arctic Warriors. Red, yellow, blue, white, black and gray enamel on bronze.



(ALASKA): HHD, 59th Signal Battalion. Red, white, light blue, dark blue, brown, yellow and black enamel on bronze (right).



KULIS AFB (ANCHORAGE): Alaska ANG, Feeling Alive in 2005, Kulis Family Day. Red, white and blue enamel on bronze , 1.8 inches (above right).



ALASKA: Alaska Army National Guard, State Adjutant General, Brigadier General Craig E. Campbell. Green, dark blue, light blue and gold on brass.



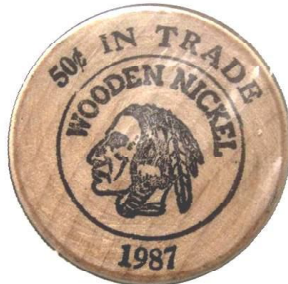
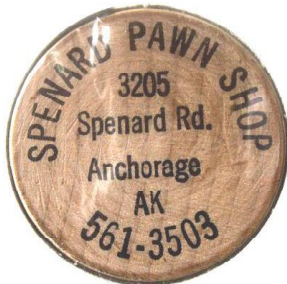
THULE, GREENLAND: 13th Space Warning Squadron, Top of the World/Crossing into the Arctic Circle 76° 36'N. Map of Greenland flanked by the flags of the U.S., Canada, Greenland and Denmark. Bright brass with red, white, blue and black enamel.



ALASKA: Alaska Army National Guard, Commanding General Craig N. Christensen. Red, white, light blue, dark blue and yellow enamel on brass.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Most Challenge Coins are about 38 to 40mm, though some are larger. Sizes are not usually reported in eBay listings. All are shown at approximately 38mm, but it must be realized that unless the size is noted in the description, this may not be accurate.

FOR THE RECORD



ANCHORAGE: Spenard Pawn Shop, 1987, 50¢ in trade. Black on wood.



DELTA JCT.: Trophy Lodge, one drink. Black on white plastic, 31mm (submitted by Kaye Dethridge).



(DOUGLAS): Island Bar, 5¢ in trade. Brass, 21mm. Unlisted, attributed by Kaye Dethridge.



EAGLE RIVER: Pay 'n Save, \$1 off your next prescription. Black on wood (ebay).



EAGLE RIVER: Eagle River Bowl, good for one game/Homestead Sports Lounge, good for one drink. Brass, 39mm.



(FAIRBANKS): Doyon Limited Daagá Fund, Tanana Chiefs Conference, Clean and Sober Lifestyle. Brz. 35mm.



FAIRBANKS: Eagles, Aerie 1037, good for one drink. 34mm, bronze with reeded edge and cupronickel with plain edge



FAIRBANKS: Military Appreciation Banquet Award Winner, 1 oz. silver. Mintage 50 (more will be struck).



FAIRBANKS: Tanana Lodge No. 3, F.&A.M., Oldest, Farthest North Masonic Lodge in North America. Bronze, 34mm. A similar medal was reported in the Sept./Oct. 1997 issue, but the lettering around the rim appears smaller than on this present specimen.

FOX: Howling Dog Saloon, good for one drink. Red on wood and black on wood. Illustrated next page.

(JUNEAU): Bullwinkle's Moose Money. Brass, 25mm. Appears to be a video game token (Kaye Dethridge). Illustrated next page.

FOR THE RECORD, cont.



(JUNEAU): Bullwinkle's Pizza Parlor/UAS (University of Alaska Southeast), Moose Money. Gold and white on light blue poker chip, 39mm.



JUNEAU: Bouy Deck, Rain Check. Gold on yellow plastic, 40mm (submitted by Kaye Dethridge).



ALASKA: Associated General Contractors of Alaska, 1948-1998, 50 years. Struck by the Alaska Mint, 1/2 ounce Silver.



DAWSON, YUKON: KVA (Klondike Visitors Association), 500 KVA Bucks. Gold on clear plastic, 38.5mm (submitted by Jim Robb).

TOKENS NOT ILLUSTRATED

Below are tokens recently offered on eBay that, to our knowledge, have not been illustrated in any of the previous Alaska token catalogues.



ATKA: Sergius Golley Billiard Hall, B-1d



CORDOVA: The Mint, 6 1/4¢ in trade, B-25a.

DOUGLAS: Salt Lake Bar, 6 1/4¢ in trade, B-37a.



FAIRBANKS: J&B Eagle Cigar Store, 12 1/2¢ in trade, B-14a.



JUNEAU: J.M. Giovanetti, one loaf of bread, B-25a.